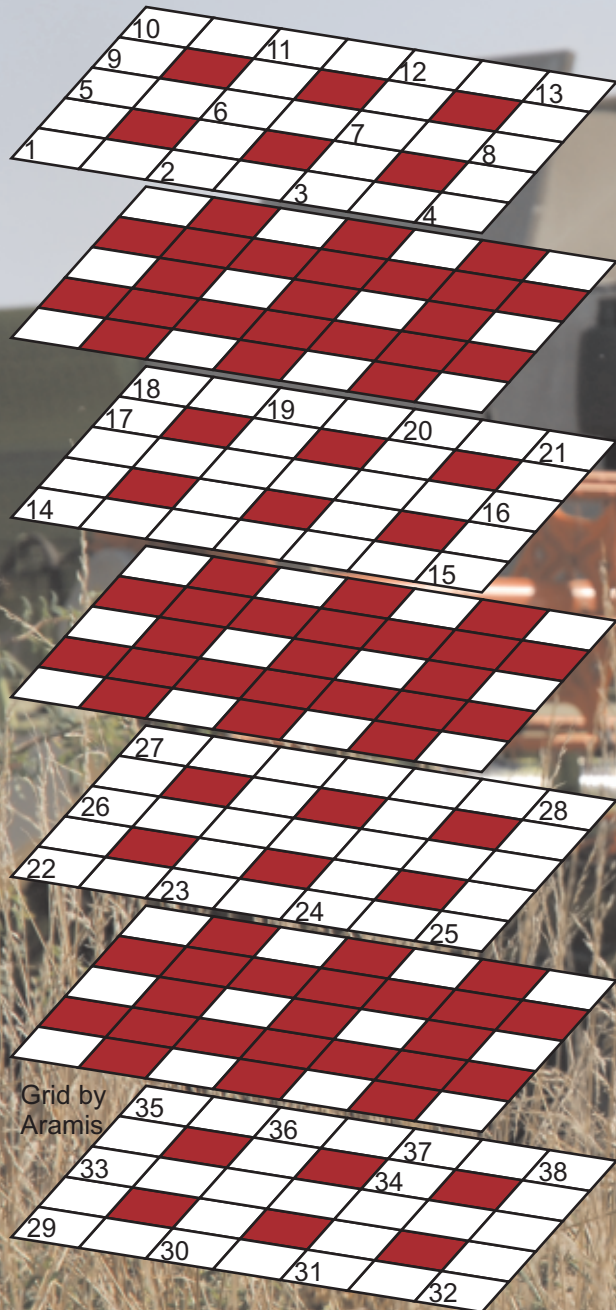



September 2015 Nutmeg



This puzzle notes a 125th anniversary. Nutmeg has referred to 1ac, 4ac, 13d-4 as XX in other clues. Clues are arranged in alphabetical order of their solutions.

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1 ^{6d} Herbaceous plants pinched by Monacan thief (7)	2 ^{17aw,18ac} Actuaries heading off appalling criminal deeds (5,3)	3 ^{1ac,4 aw,13d-4} Archaeologist's wife sculpted this chair in stone (6,8)	4 ^{36to} Setter's chasing gangster, unlike 32ba,29up-2's victim (5)	5 ^{2aw} Wow - XX's first intricate puzzle! (5)	6 ^{1aw,10d-2} He's likely to shoot Borsetshire farmer (6)
7 ^{2d} Vocal piece's from France, and included in a service... (7)	8 ^{1d-5} ...service put back after afternoon tea (5)	9 ^{18to} Like criminal, weighs up luggage (5)	10 ^{12to} Snag for cop (5)	11 ^{5d} Puts down numberless pauses in The Faerie Queen (7)	12 ^{5ac} Cathedral clergy brought to book? (7)	13 ^{34aw,37up} Irascible clergyman getting to grips with hero's case (8)
14 ^{28ba} Race's rank, according to XX: extremely 30aw-4 (7)	15 ^{28to,25ba-2} Stiff resistance overcome by police (English) (6)	16 ^{4d-3} Bashful policeman almost unknown (3)	17 ^{38up} Wiles of crooked vet evading bumbling detectives (7)	18 ^{38to} 500 sheets of paper – lots, of which King had one (5)	19 ^{11d} Horse killer, one of five harboured by Mexican regardless of the odds (7)	20 ^{30aw-4} Malevolent foursome from Cheshire village (4)
21 ^{9aw,10d} Labouring man just too much for XX's hero (8)	22 ^{3d} But we hang about outside (7)	23 ^{16ba} Flipping swindle taking in Jock's own ardent fans (7)	24 ^{32up-4,22aw,27ac-2} XX's heroine, deceptively simple, 80% smart... (4,6)	25 ^{22ac} ...I've most exotic grounds, which she may examine (7)	26 ^{32ba,29up-2} He's bumped off racehorse backed by the Queen (8)	27 ^{31aw} Local office won't open where cowboys may operate (5)
28 ^{8d} Penitent's feelings about police inspector (7)	29 ^{20to} Breathe fresh life into touching novel (5)	30 ^{26ac} Chap about to turn in barking terrier (7)	31 ^{33ac} Discipline prisoner abandoning scruples (7)	32 ^{13ba} Hide, like XX's Adversary, close to house (7)	33 ^{35to,29ac-2} This lady's in order, first in series (6)	34 ^{35ac} Mutilated remains discovered in toboggan (7)
35 ^{14ac} What elusive criminals do, avoiding a part of shipyard (7)	36 ^{7d} Shoot, pressing tip of revolver into sinew (7)	37 ^{23aw} Bring technology in to beat Superman (5)	38 ^{19to} Source of poison concealed by dour aristocrat... (5)	39 ^{24aw} ...one drop of ricin in tiny bottle, viewed by millions online? (5)	40 ^{15aw,21d-2} City careerist's gleeful words when pudding's served? (6)	 Sep 2015